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In re Application of:)
Wang <i>et al.</i>) Group Art Unit: 1634
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, setting an initial due date of November 11, 2006. This paper is filed with a request for a one-month extension of time.

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